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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a reciprocal arrangement which allows the
2 movement of equine animals between Iowa and Wisconsin, and
3 providing for its implementation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 163.13 Equine animals —
2 reciprocity with Wisconsin.

3 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
4 requires: "*equine animal*" means a horse, pony, mule, jenny,
5 donkey, or hinny.

6 2. Notwithstanding section 163.1, an equine animal may be
7 imported from Wisconsin into Iowa under an arrangement with
8 Wisconsin which provides that the owners of equine animals
9 residing in each state are provided reciprocal treatment.
10 Subject to this section, an equine animal may move from
11 Wisconsin into Iowa without a certificate of veterinary
12 inspection issued in this state, without being tested for an
13 infectious or contagious disease afflicting equine animals in
14 this state, and without being subject to a related fee.

15 3. Subsection 2 shall apply to an equine animal imported
16 from Wisconsin only if all of the following restrictions apply:

17 a. The ownership of the equine animal must not change while
18 in this state.

19 b. The equine animal must not remain in this state for more
20 than seven days.

21 c. The equine animal must be accompanied by a document
22 indicating that the equine animal has tested negatively for
23 equine infectious anemia according to requirements that comply
24 with Wisconsin law and rules adopted by the department.

25 d. The equine animal must be in this state for the exclusive
26 purpose of attending an equine trail ride, show, or exhibition.

27 4. The department shall adopt rules as necessary to
28 administer this section. The rules may revise the restrictions
29 provided in subsection 3 or impose additional restrictions or
30 conditions applicable to the importation of an equine animal.
31 To every extent practical, the department shall consult with
32 the Wisconsin department of agriculture, trade, and consumer
33 protection when adopting such rules in order to ensure that the
34 owners of equine animals residing in each state are provided
35 reciprocal treatment.

1 5. The department may suspend the applicability of
2 subsection 2, if the department determines any of the
3 following:

4 a. An outbreak of an infectious or contagious disease
5 afflicting this state's equine animals requires such
6 suspension.

7 b. Reciprocal treatment is not being accorded to owners
8 of equine animals of Iowa when those animals are moved to
9 Wisconsin.

10 Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTATION. This Act shall be implemented
11 thirty days after the department of agriculture and land
12 stewardship adopts all rules necessary to administer this Act.
13 The department of agriculture and land stewardship shall begin
14 to adopt rules necessary to implement this Act as soon as
15 practicable after the effective date of this Act.

16 EXPLANATION

17 BACKGROUND. The department of agriculture and land
18 stewardship (DALS) is charged to protect animals including
19 livestock from being afflicted from infectious and contagious
20 diseases (Code section 163.1). DALS requires that mature
21 equine animals originating from outside the state be
22 accompanied by an official certificate of veterinary inspection
23 which includes a finding that the animal has tested negative
24 for equine infectious anemia (21 IAC 64.34(6)). Wisconsin
25 law allows an equine animal to enter the state without a
26 certificate of veterinary inspection if (1) the animal
27 remains in the state for seven days or less, (2) the animal
28 is accompanied by a negative infectious anemia test, (3) the
29 animal originates from a state that allows animals to attend
30 trail rides, shows, or exhibitions, and (4) the other state
31 provides similar restrictions as Wisconsin.

32 RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENT. The bill provides for implementing
33 a reciprocal arrangement between Iowa and Wisconsin. Under the
34 bill, an equine animal may move from Wisconsin to Iowa subject
35 to the same general restrictions that would apply to Iowa

1 equine animals moving into Wisconsin. It provides rulemaking
2 authority to DALS, authorizes DALS to adopt more stringent
3 requirements than provided in the bill, and requires DALS to
4 consult with the Wisconsin department of agriculture, trade,
5 and consumer protection when adopting the rules.

6 SUSPENSION. The bill provides that DALS may suspend the
7 reciprocal arrangement if (1) there is an outbreak of an
8 infectious or contagious disease afflicting equine animals or
9 (2) reciprocal treatment is not being accorded to Iowa owners
10 of equine animals.

11 IMPLEMENTATION. The bill is to be implemented 30 days after
12 DALS adopts its rules.